

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

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**ORDER**

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Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend the Rules for Continuing Legal Education,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Rule 3, Regulation 3.15 be and is hereby deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

**Regulation 3.15.** No credit will be given for activities sponsored by law firms and corporate law departments for the sole or principal benefit of their own members or employees. Credit may be awarded, however, for activities presented by public entities for the sole or principal benefit of their own employees.

COMMENT

The MCLE Committee considers the following four (4) factors when evaluating whether or not an activity is “for the sole or principal benefit” of a law firm or corporation’s members or employees:

- (1) The course focus must be of sufficiently broad interest so as to ensure that attendance will extend to substantially

more than the members of the law firms and corporate law departments;

- (2) The venue must be appropriate to the audience and cannot simply be a place with extremely limited space that could effectively block outside attendance;
- (3) The marketing of the course must also be appropriate, must provide for attendance by lawyers not working for the sponsoring entities and be disclosed on the official MCLE calendar in accordance with the procedures governing that calendar; and
- (4) Any fee charged for attendance must be reasonable.

This rule change shall become effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2009.

FOR THE COURT:

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Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice